Dear Parents/ guardians,

21st Century Skills are a very important topic in education right now. As we examine the new State Standards and our new district curriculum, it is clear students need to apply higher level thinking skills in collaborative learning environments. Technology provides a great tool to engage students in projects where they can practice skills they will use throughout school and beyond.

As we plan projects to develop these skills, we need to know what kind of access to technological tools students have. Teachers throughout the world are using Google Docs, blogs, Wikis etcetera to communicate with parents and students. We also need to teach students how to use all of these resources.

Please answer the survey below so we can see what types of technology is already available to students and what types of technology we can use. Put an X next to each statement that is true for your student.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ My student has access to a computer at home.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ My student can go to the public library to access a computer.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_My student has access to the Internet at home.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_My student can go to the public library to access the Internet.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_My student can use our family email account for school projects.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_My student had a personal G-Mail account.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_My student can open their own g-mail account to use for school papers and projects.

Finally, to help us teachers use resources to communicate more effectively with you, please provide an email address we can use to contact you and invite you to our blogs/wikis etc. These tools have proven to be very useful to increase communication between parents, teachers and students!!

Parent name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Parent email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Student email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you,

The 6th grade teaching team